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Citizen received Coast Guard Public Service award for preventing serious casualty on the Jeffersonville riverfront

Louisville, KY, Dec. 18 — The Coast Guard Captain of the Port Louisville, Cmdr. Terry D. Gilbreath, awarded the Certificate of Appreciation this morning to Mr. John L. Rockford of Louisville, KY. Mr. Rockford prevented a serious marine casualty at the Jeffersonville, IN riverfront in April of 2002. A barge, loaded with steel, broke away from its moorings at a local shipyard and began drifting towards the Jeffersonville riverfront. Witnessing the dangerous incident, Mr. Rockford positioned his personal houseboat, the ROCKY ROAD, between the riverfront and the out-of-control barge—stopping its momentum and preventing serious damage to several boats and riverfront structures.

Public Service Awards such as these are given to private citizens and organizations for helping the Coast Guard advance its missions and promoting maritime safety on our nation's waterways. In existence since 1790, the Coast Guard has a rich history of saving lives and protecting property and, to this day, holds these as two of its primary missions.

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